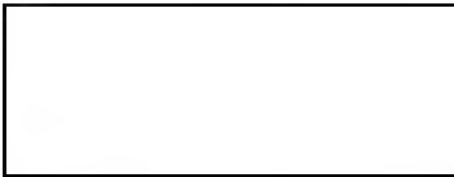
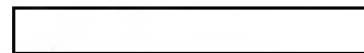


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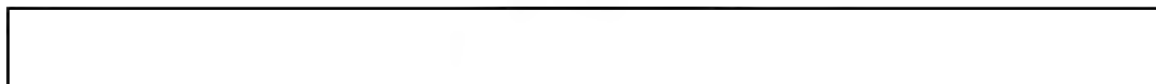
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***Cuba-USSR:** The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov sailed from Havana Harbor at 1700 EST on 15 March.

The liner, largest in use on the Soviet-Cuban run, has a normal passenger capacity of 1,200 and could carry an estimated 4,500 if fitted out as a troop transport. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] truck convoys bringing one group of about 100 persons and another of 230 into the dock area at about midday. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] about 600 men were visible on the Admiral Nakhimov when it departed. [REDACTED]

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*Congo: (The defeat of the government candidate for president of the lower house on 15 March confirms that Adoula is in serious trouble.)

(The victory of the opposition candidate by a vote of 64 to 42 shows a substantial increase in opposition strength since December. The heavy vote against the government will strengthen the bargaining position of the opposition for ministerial posts.)

(The vote fell seven short of the number which would be needed to overthrow Adoula. A vote of censure cannot be legally taken until 48 hours after a censure motion is deposited, however, and this will deter any precipitate action.)

(By careful selections in reshuffling his cabinet, the premier could undercut opposition voting strength considerably, although probably at the cost of a more radical government orientation. Adoula has not recently demonstrated much determination or will to fight, however, and his fatigue might lead him to resign.)

(The 15 March vote may lead his close advisers --including Congo Army chief General Mobutu and Sureté chief Nendaka, who have been despairing of his lack of decisiveness and leadership--to try to seize power themselves.

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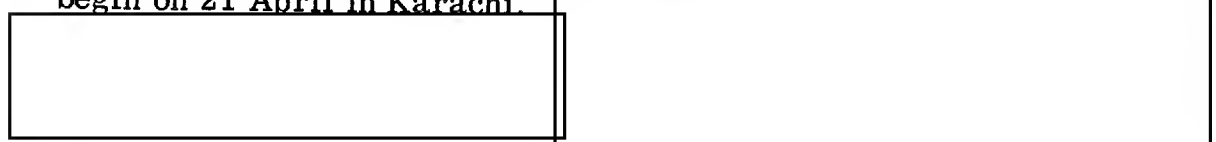
Kashmir: Little progress was made toward a Kashmir settlement in the most recent talks between Pakistan and India.

The central question of the disposition of the main valley of Kashmir was largely avoided. Despite recriminations stemming from Pakistan's recent border accord with Communist China, both sides remain determined to prolong the talks rather than assume the onus for breaking them off.

For the first time, Pakistan proposed broadening the discussions to issues not related to Kashmir when Foreign Minister Bhutto raised the problem of India's current evictions of Moslems from Tripura territory in eastern India. Pakistan had previously opposed India's efforts to discuss other issues as a stalling tactic.

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A fifth round of talks has been scheduled to begin on 21 April in Karachi.



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Malaysia: Indonesia, Malaya, and the Philippines are moving toward a conference concerning the projected Malaysian Federation.

Philippine President Macapagal, who is spearheading mediation efforts, hopes that recent informal talks among officials of the three countries will lead to a ministerial conference and eventually a heads-of-government meeting.

Malaya's Prime Minister Rahman stated on 14 March that his government is prepared to enter talks with Indonesia and the Philippines. Nevertheless, he still intends to bring Malaysia into being by 31 August.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio has recently adopted a conciliatory attitude. After talks with Macapagal, he expressed optimism that tripartite ministerial talks would materialize. Subandrio is thoroughly committed to blocking the Malaysia project, however, and his tactics appear designed to stall the merger.

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*South Korea: Military government will be extended for four more years according to a statement by Chairman Pak Chong-hui issued on 16 March. The regime probably will ensure a favorable outcome in a national referendum which Pak said would be held at the earliest possible date to approve or disapprove this decision. Extension of the military government will reduce the regime's already narrow base of popular support and is likely to stimulate further political unrest.

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